



St. Mary Parish

900 Central Ave, Coon Valley, WI 54623

Fr. Joe Richards, Pastor

Fr. Emmanuel Famiyeh, Assoc. Pastor | Dcn. Tony Shay



August 9, 2026 | Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Reading 632A

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PASTOR

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www.stmaryscv.org

Social Media

www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley

Parish Office Hours

Varies—call ahead for appointment

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 8:00am*

*Livestreamed on our Facebook page

Weekday Masses

Tues | 5:15pm and Thurs | 8:00am

Confession

Saturday | 3:30pm - 3:45pm

Devotions

Adoration Tuesday | 4:30pm

19th Sunday

IN

ORDINARY TIME

Take courage,
it is I.

DO NOT BE AFRAID.

Matthew 14:27



Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, *“O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”*

Administrative Assistant

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Coordinator of Religious Education

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Parish Finance Council

Tom Duerst, Mary Gajewski, John Mislivecek, Nancy Peters (Secretary), and John Roesler (Bldg and Grounds)

Parish Pastoral Council

Ryan Goodwin, Marlene Humfeld, Sue Humfeld, Robert Kerska, and Steve Schulte

PCCW (Parish Council of Catholic Women)

Clarice Kammel (President), Nancy Peters (Treasurer), Linda Berg (Secretary)

Musicians

Mary Beth Smith 608-632-9548
Linda Schulte 608-397-3643
Chris Carskadon 608-790-4495

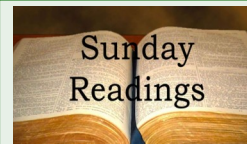
Fr. Joe also serving:

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Viroqua

Mass Times:

Weekend: Saturday 6:30 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

Weekday: Wed - 5:15 pm
Fri - 12:10 pm



August 9, 2026
 1) 1 Kings 19:11-13
 2) Romans 9:1-5
 3) Matthew 14:22-33

Intentions / Schedule

SATURDAY, August 8

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00 PM Mass - † Edward and Anna Kerska
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Jeana LeJeune * updated

SUNDAY, August 9

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00 AM Mass - † Margie Hageman and Mirissa Waits
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Marlene Humfeld

Money Counters: Loree Nickelotti and Curt Horman

TUESDAY, August 11

St. Clare

- Adoration 4:30 PM
 - 5:15 PM Communion Service (No Mass)
 - For Bishop Gerard Battersby

THURSDAY, August 13

SS. Panitan and Hippolytus

- NO 8:00 AM Mass - For the souls in purgatory

SATURDAY, August 15

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-4:00 PM Mass - For Our Parish Family
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Nancy Peters

SUNDAY, August 16

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

-8:00 AM Mass - † Nancy Gorman-Voight
 Altar Servers: Volunteers Ushers: Volunteers
 Lector: Volunteer

Money Counters: Steve Grabowski and Bernie Roesler

DID YOU KNOW?

If you are age 70½ or older, you may be eligible to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) of up to \$111,000 (2026 limit) per year directly from your IRA to a qualified charity. A QCD is generally excluded from your taxable income and, if you are required to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), it can satisfy all or part of your RMD for the year. This can be a tax-efficient way to support the charitable organizations you care about.

Because each person's tax situation is unique, please consult your tax advisor or financial professional before making any decisions.

If a QCD is right for you, please consider St. Mary's Parish as your charity of choice.



Needed this Month

\$10,000.00 at \$2000 per week
 \$1,403.00 Received as of week 1
 (\$8,597.00) Difference for the Month

Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **Aug 9-18** ~ Fr. Joe on PTO *updated
- **Aug 11** ~ 4:30 PM Adoration and 5:15 Communion Service (No Mass)
- **Aug 13** ~ No 8:00 AM Mass
- **Aug 15** ~ Holy Day (*Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*) Mass in Viroqua at 12:10 PM
- **Aug 15/16** ~ Welcome Msgr. Scheckel - help out priest
- **Aug 20** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after the 8 AM Mass
- **Sep 17** ~ Coffee and Fellowship after the 8 AM Mass
- **Oct 6** ~ Gathered in Grace Mom Group 9AM-12 PM



Traveling this summer? Find a Mass time:

<https://catholicmasstimes.app/> or
<https://masstimes.org/>

Mass Intentions

Below are open dates for the next few months.

Open Sat. and Sun. dates: Aug 22 or 23 and 30.
 Sep 19 or 20, 26 & 27.

Open Weekdays: Aug 18, and 25. Sep 1, 15, 22, & 29.

Request a specific date by filling out an intention envelope or by emailing the office. Suggested stipend amount is \$20 per Mass. If you have questions feel free to email the office at stmarysev@mwt.net or voice message 608-452-3841.



Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

5 Year Goal : \$105,000.00

As of July 17, 2026

Pledges received (30): \$109,520.00

Payments received: \$80,989

THANK YOU!

A breakdown of how the Inspired by the Spirit Campaign funds have been allocated is posted in back of the church.

Giving Last Week		7/26/2026	
Adult Env	\$1,065.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	384.00	Received This Week	\$1,449.00
Total	\$1,449.00	Total needed	\$60,000.00
		YTD Received	\$59,831.68
		Difference	(168.32)

Giving Last Week		8/2/2026	
Adult Env	\$1,150.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	253.00	Received This Week	\$1,403.00
Total	\$1,403.00	Total needed	\$62,000.00
		YTD Received	\$61,234.68
Food Pantry	\$110.00	Difference	(765.32)

From the Pastor and Seminarian

Hello folks,

I am giving some of my space this weekend to Levi for a farewell message, but first a quick note on some scheduling. After the 10:30 Mass I'll be heading up to the Cities to fly out to Colorado and California until Wednesday next week. With Dcn. Tony and Dcn. Dad both taking semi-concurrent time away, this will throw off our weekday schedule, while the weekend schedule remains unaffected. In short, our weekday services from August 9-19 will stand: 1) adoration and a Communion service on August 10 in Coon Valley, starting at 4:30, 2) a 12:10 Mass on August 14 in Viroqua, and 3) a 5:15 Mass in Viroqua on August 19. One special note, while August 15/the Assumption is customarily a holy day of obligation, since it's on Saturday this year the obligation is dispensed. Still, we'll have a 12:10 Mass on the fifteenth with Msgr. Scheckel, replacing morning adoration. Now to Levi!

God bless you, Fr. Joe

Dear friends,

It seems kind of difficult for me to find the right words in this short reflection that can sum up my feelings about my time in Viroqua and Coon Valley this summer. The first thing that comes to mind is just how thankful I am that Our Lord has called me to enter into seminary so that He could bring so many great people into my life. It has been a blessing to be welcomed into this community and to start to get to know more of God's children. Thank you all for your hospitality, generosity, and overall support of my vocation. Having this time to get into the rhythm of parish life has been a great help on my continued path of formation and discernment. It amazes me how much God has done for me in the span of a couple months with you all. The Church in Viroqua and Coon Valley will remain on my heart as the Lord leads me on to my next step.

I am at peace with moving on to my next step, and I'm excited to see how the Lord is going to work in and around me as I continue with seminary. I will soon be heading back to St. Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee to start my second pre-theology year. While it has been great being involved in parish life, it's also good to have the time at seminary to continue learning and growing. The life at seminary is kind of like Jesus' quiet years in Nazareth. This is a time of preparation before going out on mission. It is a time for me to be filled up by Our Lord, so that I have more that I can pour out to the people around me. I am excited to continue working so I can share with others the gifts that I'm receiving from God. There's so much more to say, but for now I just want to finish with a request for prayers. Prayers for me, yes, but don't forget to pray for each other and for our priests and future priests. Never underestimate the power of prayer.

God bless you all! With the love of Christ, Levi

Parish Announcements

Buildings & Grounds Update

Currently Underway

- ◇ Replacement of the church pew cushions, with installation anticipated before Christmas.
- ◇ Replace two of the church's three furnaces.
- ◇ New cemetery information display board ordered

Looking Ahead

- ⇒ Replace basement ceiling tiles
- ⇒ Add insulation to the church attic to improve energy efficiency and long-term stewardship of our parish facilities
- ⇒ Relocating the Parish office to the church.

Restore the Roots – August Edition

The August issue of *Restore the Roots*, a monthly publication sharing stories, reflections, and resources that help us grow in faith and reconnect with our Catholic roots, is available for pickup in the back of the church. Please take a copy and enjoy this month's issue!

Pray for Our Priests

As Fr. Joe and Fr. Emmanuel continue to adjust to their new assignments, keep them in your daily prayers. *Copies of a Prayer for Our Priests are available in the back of the church.* We encourage you to take one home and pray for Fr. Joe and Fr. Emmanuel each day, for as long as you feel called to do so.

Diocesan/Local Announcements

Community Corn Roast - Aug 11

All are welcome to join CV Lutheran Church on Tuesday, August 11th from 5-7:30 PM for their annual Community Corn Roast. This event/meal is free to the public and all are welcome!

St. Joseph Parish of St. Joseph Ridge will be celebrating their church of 125 years on **Saturday, August 22**. There will be a mass at **4:00 pm** to start off the celebration with a parish picnic following with FOOD, BEVERAGES, MUSIC, and GAMES. A HISTORY DISPLAY will be open in the St. Joseph School next to the church. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!** To RSVP scan the QR code, click "going" on the St. Joseph Parish Facebook page or by phone and questions please call (608)788-1646.



DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office for Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the [diocesan website](http://diolc.org). If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please

Diocesan/Local Announcements *continued*

contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

Mass of Hope and Healing - Sept. 8

Bishop Gerard Battersby will celebrate a Mass of Hope and Healing on Tues. Sep. 8, 2026, at 6:30 PM, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, 530 Main St, La Crosse. This Mass will be offered for anyone grieving the loss of children through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, abortion, stillbirth, accident or infant death. A candle ceremony at 6:30 PM, prior to the beginning of Mass. Please arrive early to receive your votive candle(s) in remembrance of any child(ren) lost. After Mass, refreshments will be served and volunteers will be present to offer assistance, support, and comfort. We welcome all who mourn, and encourage anyone to come and be supportive.

Rural Life Day Sept. 23 - Creamery Creek Farms in Bangor

Come together with several hundred members of the faithful to honor rural life in our communities. Our celebration begins with Mass at 10:00 AM, celebrated by Bishop-Emeritus William Callahan, together with many priests and deacons of the diocese. This is followed by special awards-blessing of crops, animals, and machinery of the farm. We conclude with a delicious lunch and a freewill offering to benefit Project Milk. Hosted by the John and Donna Hansen family and the Justin and Louisa Peterson family at Creamery Creek Farms is located at W1250 County Road U, Bangor, WI 54614.

Rural Life Day Nominations:

We are seeking nominations for the following recognition awards for Rural Life Day (Sept. 23, 2026 at Creamery Creek Farms in Bangor):

- **"Friend of Rural Life"** – Makes a significant contribution to the farming community. Not necessarily direct farmers themselves.
- **"Strangers and Guests"** – Farm family that exemplifies Catholic life, involvement in parish and community activities, hospitality, generosity.
- **"Century Farms"** – Families that have maintained 100+ years of continuous family ownership of their farm.

If you have someone in mind, please contact Rural Life Chairperson Anne Marie Elwing with their name and phone number: annemarie.elwing@wallstonelc.com.

This Week on *FORMED*

Triumph of the Heart

In the harrowing confines of Auschwitz's starvation cell, Catholic priest St. Maximilian Kolbe volunteers to die in place of another prisoner, joining nine others condemned by the Nazis.

The New Eve | Lectio: Mary | Episode 1

The Book of Genesis begins with the story of Adam and Eve, whose sin of disobedience breaks their relationship with God. God does not abandon his people, but gradually prepares them for the coming of his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus, the promised "seed" of Genesis 3:15 is the "New Adam," and his mother, the promised "woman," is the "New Eve."

Clare and Francis

This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare. Both founded major religious orders, and together they inspired many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel.

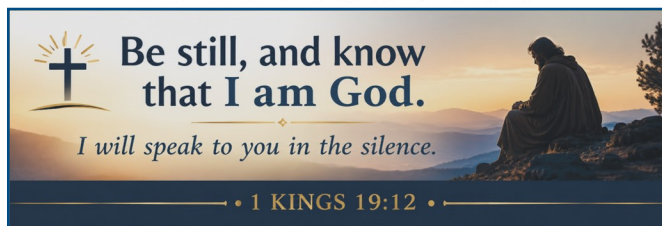
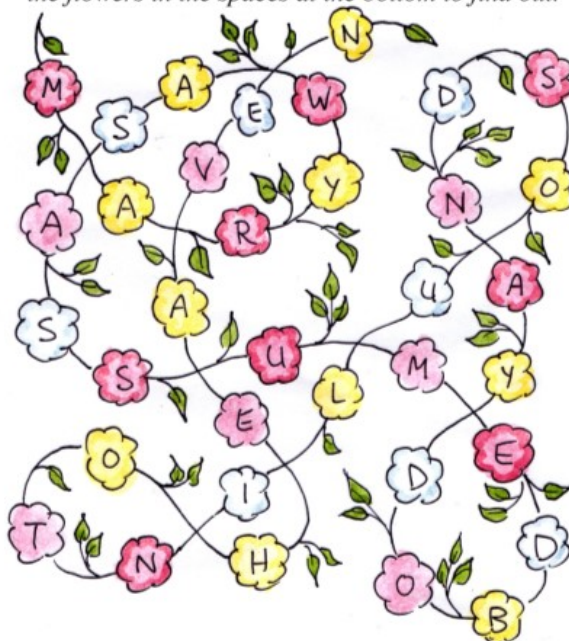
Activity Corner

Flowers for Our Lady

This Saturday, August 15th, is a feast day of Our Lady.

What are we celebrating?

Follow the line, starting at M, and put the letters from the flowers in the spaces at the bottom to find out.



New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Joe and contact the parish office for registration and information. www.stmarycv.org/visit-us

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday from 3:15pm to 3:45pm

Sacrament of Baptism: Please use the registration form at: www.stmarycv.org/sacraments. Then mail or email it to stmaryscv@mwt.net and jrichards@diolclergy.org. You will be contacted by the parish office to finalize your requested date.

Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick: Please contact the parish office or Fr. Joe when someone you know is in need of the Sacrament or a pastoral visit. Requests may also be made from our website under the Sacraments tab. www.stmarycv.org/sacraments

Mass Intentions: Please use the Mass Intention envelopes available in the church.

Book of Prayer Requests: Located in the back of church. Feel free to add your own prayer requests. The requests will be included in the parish prayers.